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Other countries

Soviet journalists are coming to U.S.

Eleven members of the Soviet Union of Journalists will arrive in New York, Monday, January 19, for a three-week tour of the United States.

This trip is the concluding half of an exchange visit between Russian and American editors, negotiations for which began in mid-1968.

The Soviet group will be led by L. N. Tolkunov, chief editor of *Izvestia*.

On their arrival at Kennedy Airport, they will be greeted by Norman E. Isaacs, president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, the official host. Isaacs is executive editor of the *Courier-Journal* and *Louisville Times*.

In addition to New York, the group will visit Chicago, Milwaukee, San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Oklahoma City, New Orleans and Washington.

During their two and one-half day stay in New York the Soviet guests will speak with officials of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, the Associated Press, CBS headquarters and the *New York Times*. Other highlights will include a visit to Columbia University, a tour of Harlem, an interview with Mayor Lindsay, a possible meeting with United Nations Secretary General U. Thant, and a session with executives of McKinsey and Company, a management consultant firm.

A reception and dinner for the group by the Soviet Mission to the United Nations is also being planned. As much sight-seeing as possible will be squeezed into their tight schedule.

The group will leave for Chicago Thursday. Paul Ringler, associate editor of the *Milwaukee Journal*, will be in charge of arrangements for this leg of the trip.

Three days, starting on January 25, will be spent in San Francisco. The *San Francisco Examiner* will be host. Ed J. Dooley, editor of the Hearst paper, will handle arrangements for a trip to Berkeley and one to Sacramento, where the journalists will meet Governor Reagan.

When the group arrives in Los Angeles on Wednesday, January 28, the *Los Angeles Times* will serve as host. Editor Nick Williams is arranging this portion of the itinerary.

Two days, January 30 and 31, will be spent in Oklahoma City. The *Oklahoman* and *Times*, with managing editor Charles Bennett in charge of arrangements, will be the host newspaper.

On February 1 the group will move to New Orleans for two days. George Healy and the *Times-Picayune* will act as hosts.

The last three days of the visit are scheduled for Washington.

The first part of this exchange visit, under procedures agreed upon by the American and Soviet governments, was completed September 10, 1969, when ten ASNE editors and a photographer left Moscow after having spent 17 days touring the Soviet Union as guests of the Union of Journalists.

Will pay their own way

From the start of negotiations for the exchange, each ASNE editor was insistent upon paying his full fare and costs. The Russian visitors will be here under almost the same financial arrangement.

The members of the Soviet delegation are:

L. N. Tolkunov, chief editor, *Izvestia*.

P. F. Alekseyev, chief editor, *Rural Life*.

A. I. Yakovlev, member, editorial board, *Kommunist*.

A. I. Lukovets, deputy chief editor, *Pravda*.

Yu. M. Yurna, editor, *Soviet Estonia*.

G. O. Zimanas, managing editor, *Tijesa*, of Vilnius.

I. A. Geyevskiy, Free-lance Journalists, Moscow.

I. S. Gagarin, editor, *Ural Worker* of Sverdlovsk.

E. E. Mamedov, deputy chairman, Committee for Radio and Television.

A. K. Ryabolkyach, managing editor, *Soviet Ukraine*.

G. A. Vladimirskiy, special correspondent, *Moscow News*, and interpreter.

Traveling with the group for ASNE will be Nick Danilov, United Press International's Russian-speaking Washington staffer, who has had Moscow experience.